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2025 Montana Reunion

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Very tentative dates for the 2025 Livingston reunion are: September 25, 26, 27, with checkouts on September 28th. Lynn and Diana Walker are our hosts and are presently securing our hotel contract including confirming the dates mentioned above. For those of you who will also be visiting nearby Yellowstone Park, a reservation is a must and the sooner the better to assure your stay; both in Livingston and Yellowstone Park.

When Lynn nails our hotel location and firms the dates, that information will be posted on our website ASAP.

Located just north of Yellowstone National Park, Livingston sits on the banks of the mighty Yellowstone River. The Yellowstone River is the longest free flowing river in the United States and is home to some of the best trout fishing in the world.

Hiking, biking and horse back riding opportunities abound in the area making Livingston the perfect vacation spot.

Known as a sportsman's paradise, many experienced guides and outfitters can help visitors have the hunting or fishing experience of a life time.

The wide streets of the historic downtown harkens back to the days of Calamity Jane, a known resident of Livingston. Boutiques, cafes and art galleries featuring some of the countries most renown Western artists make a day of shopping a cultural surprise.

For a visitor's package [click here](#).



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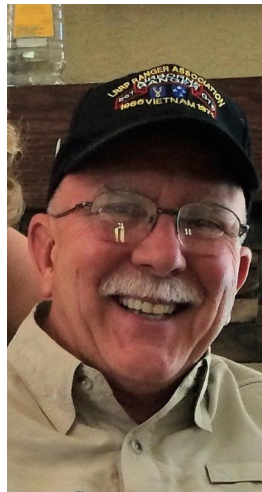
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Greetings,

How did I get here? This question is one that I have asked myself during different stages of my life. Perhaps this is relatable to you as well. One could also ask, how did I become who I am today. We certainly learn from the examples of our parents during what is often referred to as our formative



years. While that is certainly our foundation, we obviously continue to evolve during our lifetime. We gain knowledge from the people we meet, the jobs we have, the places we travel to and the studies we do. Guided by our curiosity we expand our understanding of the world. Most of us have reached three quarters of a century or more on this earth. We have a diverse spread of experience and knowledge. We also share one important commonality, Ranger!

If you're at all like me, you may have had at least a few different job experiences. Whether you stayed in one arena or switched to a completely different line of work, your experience was definitely a benefit. You most likely had what is often called transferrable skills. Although you may have been in a different type of job, your knowledge was applicable and gave you an advantage. Along with your skill set you undoubtedly had established a good reputation as someone who could be counted on.

We know that Ranger lineage goes back to before America was a country. Major Robert Rogers raised a company of New Hampshire Province volunteers to fight in the French and Indian war. He wrote his 28 Rules of Ranging of

which an amended version is still in use.

Historically, Rangers have been activated when needed and then stood down as conflict ended. Most recently, the 1st battalion was formed in 1974. At that time the battalion commander, LTC Kenneth Leuer (later General) initiated the writing of a creed for the battalion. It was to establish standards, a code

of ethics and philosophy to guide Rangers in their conduct. The creed was written by CSM Neal Gentry and redrafted by battalion XO Major "Rock Hudson".

Though the creed was written after I left the army, I feel like many of its principals were already followed before its adoption. Like the transferable skills I mentioned above, I have found that the ideas stated in the Ranger Creed have been a good guide in business and in life. They encourage one to hold themselves to high standards in their words and actions.

Ranger Handbook version:

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high esprit de corps of my Ranger Regiment.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster and fight harder than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be, one-hundred-percent and then some.

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President's message continued

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission though I be the lone survivor.

Rangers Lead The Way!!!

— *Ranger Handbook SH 21-76*²¹

As we approach the holiday season and year's end I would like to wish all members, friends and families all the best for a wonderful Christmas and hope you have a prosperous and happy new year!

Our organization exists for all our membership, so please let us know of any issues or ideas that you think need to be addressed or can be helpful. You can email me at lrrp75thinf@aol.com. Please include Ranger in the subject line. Stay Well, Stay Safe and take care of one another. RLTW!



Bill Martin, chimes after each fallen brother's name is read at our Memorial Service in California during the 2024 reunion.





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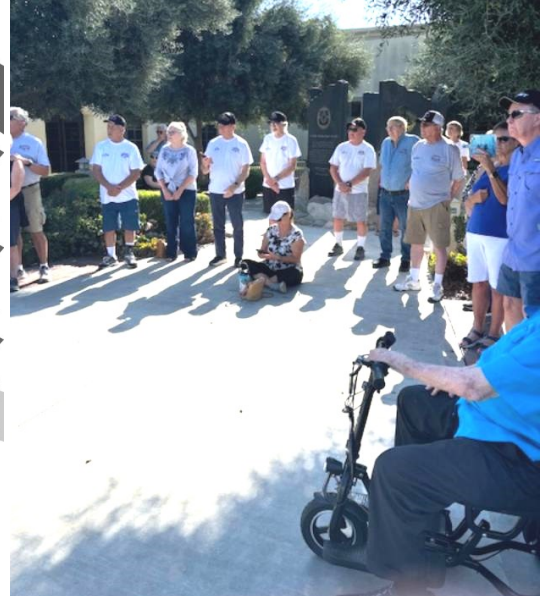
I have made a practice of attending our reunions over the years, except for the times I have been serving overseas working for the Department of Defense. I missed six reunions while serving in Iraq, Lebanon, and Afghanistan. I served as our Board Chair in the late 90's, a difficult time in the history of our organization with several factions fighting one another over various opinions and people wanting to split from our original organization. This was a period that most will remember before, most of us had never heard of something called the Internet, so correspondence was done by phone or mail.

While our organization was splintered by some, we always had a core group working to pull together to make our group a single team as we worked in RVN. People like Steve Crabtree, Chief Moncada, Frank Svensson, Stephen Johnson, and many others. Our organization is strong because of the efforts of those wanting to stick together rather than to go their own way.

Time has taken many of our group away, and many of our group cannot travel anymore, but we still have strong hearts in protecting and serving our brothers and partners in life.

Like most of us, I am proud of our organization and the history we created with our service in Vietnam. We honor those who gave all and celebrate those of us still living.

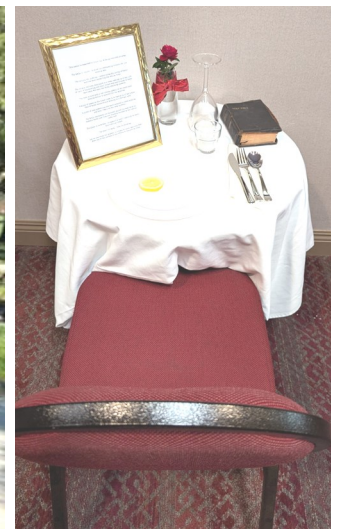
I missed our most recent reunion hosted by Frank and Carol, not because I was still trying to play soldier in our hopeless wars, but because of heart issues that many of us have and my doctor warned me not to travel. I counted 18 men still standing in the photo of our most recent reunion. That is almost half the number we had the year before. Statistically, we may be facing our last reunion in Montana next year.



Our most important event: Memorial Service



Cucamonga Veteran Park



Banquet after Memorial



One Great Ranger, Ralph Tildon, with support from two fans; Pam Johnson on left and hostess Carol Svensson on the right.

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Colonel (Ret) Ralph Tildon with Memorial Prayer



G 75th Association Ladies plus One

Dear Lord,

Here we are- together again; together again, because of you.

You were with us when we were young men who performed dangerous duty as LRRPs and Rangers. You were with us on those missions when we wondered whether we would survive.

You encouraged us to take care of each other, to trust each other, on the battlefield and off. You guided us to become brothers.

Today, far from Duc Pho, from Chu Lai, from Baldy, from 1362, we remember our brothers who have gone on to be with You. We honor them and their service. We miss them, Father. We never forget them.

As we stand in thanks for our brothers, we also bow our heads in deep gratitude for the ladies you put into our lives. These ladies, strong and compassionate, have loved us and helped us recover from our combat experiences. They have blessed us with children, with families. Thank you for them, Father.

So, Lord, on this day, October 05, 2024, we shall continue the mission You now have given us: We shall strive to love, to help, and to serve others, as our fallen brothers served.

You are an awesome God.

Amen



Chief Moncada and Harry Adams reading names of our Fallen



Memorial Participants



L-R, Ron Olson and Bob Wheeler

Staying in touch with our brothers (and our partners in life), is important as our numbers are reduced. I hope that our next reunion will be our best.

As we face the inevitable, it is ever more important to reach out to our team members and friends with an email or a phone call. Contact with an old friend is better than the best medicine.

Al

2025 Board Meeting Minutes – Working Copy

In the absence of Association Chairman Carl Velleri, board member Ron Olsen called the meeting to order at 0904 PDT in Ontario, CA. Chairman Velleri was unable to attend the 2024 reunion due to medical reasons. He awarded his proxy to Ron. Also present at the meeting were board members Steve Johnson, Dave Moncada and Harry Adams. With the presence of four board members, a quorum was established. Officers of the Association present were President Bill Martin, Treasurer Lynn Walker, and Secretary Frank Svensson.

Ron moved that the minutes from the 2023 board of directors meeting and general business meeting be approved as submitted. Steve seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lynn Walker then delivered the treasurer's report. He reported that the Association continues to be in sound financial condition with total liabilities and assets of \$62,165.97. The board was briefed on the opening of an account with Edward Jones Financial that is generating much more income. Dave moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as delivered. Ron seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

The discussion of old business was next on the agenda. The board revisited the decision on where the Association assets would go once the association has been dissolved. Lynn again reminded the board that the IRS requires that the assets of a 501c must be donated to another 501c organization. The board discussed dividing the remaining assets of the association evenly between the 501c organizations that the three battalions have. The Sua Sponte Foundation (1st Batt), the Point du Hoc Foundation (2nd Batt) and the Gallant Few Foundation (3rd Batt, Ranger Military Intelligence Batt, Ranger Special Troops Batt, and HQ Company). Ron moved that this was where our assets go when we dissolve, Harry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding reunion 2025 in Livingston, MT to be hosted by Lynn and Diana Walker. The general attitude of the board was that while Livingston might be fairly isolated, it will still make for a great reunion setting since it's in a beautiful part of our country.

The board then moved on to a discussion of new business. Harry moved that the Association send \$1500 to the regimental chaplain asking that the money be converted to \$100 gift cards to be given to families in need of Rangers E-6 and below. Dave seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The board discussed the feasibility of extending the board member terms from two years to three years. Secretary Svensson suggested that it would be easier to keep track of things if we went to a four-year term. He also reminded the board that it would require an amendment to our bylaws. Dave moved that the board direct Frank to contact our Association lawyer, Tom Robison, and seek guidance on this matter. Ron seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Steve Johnson briefed the board members regarding our Ranger Hall of Fame candidates. He expressed his dismay at Al Stewart

not being selected for induction in 2024. But he also expressed his confidence that if Al's packet is resubmitted, he would be selected. Ron moved that the board direct Steve to resubmit Al's packet for consideration for induction in 2025. Harry seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously. There followed a brief discussion regarding Tom Nash's packet. Steve suggested that it be held back until the political atmosphere improves in the future.

Reunion 2026 was next discussed. Steve Johnson volunteered to contact the Vietnam Helicopter Pilot's Association and explore the possibility of combining both organization's reunions. Steve will report on this at next year's board meeting. As a backup, Ron Olson volunteered to hold another reunion in Deadwood, SD. A final decision was tabled to be made in 2025.

The board was informed that Sharon Robison had asked to be relieved of the responsibility for maintaining the Association database. Meagan Moncada has generously offered to step in and assume this responsibility. The board offers both of these ladies thanks for stepping forward to help. Ron moved that Meagan be approved as the keeper of our database, Harry seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously.

Steve Johnson moved that the Association send a reunion tee shirt and a hat to Justin Stay, our volunteer webmaster. Ron Olson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Ron moved that the board meeting be adjourned at 1017, Harry seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

The board reconvened at approximately 1800. Secretary Svensson briefed the board regarding a discussion that he had with the Association counsel, Tom Robison. Tom advised us to change the bylaws to extend the tenure of board members from two years to four years merely by changing the number currently shown. Dave Moncada moved that we change the bylaws to read four years. Ron Olson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Steve Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dave seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

For the board's information, after the reunion ended Steve Johnson emailed Chairman Velleri advising him that he was resigning his board position. Carl then appointed Al Stewart to the board finishing Steve's tenure.

General Membership Meeting is on the next page

2025 Membership Meeting - Working Copy

Board member Dave Moncada called the general business meeting to order in Ontario, CA at 1034 PDT. With 20 dues paying members present a quorum was established.

The first topic of discussion was our reunion in 2025. It will take place in Livingston, MT and be hosted by Lynn and Diana Walker. Lynn gave a short presentation on Livingston and its surrounding area. The 2026 reunion has yet to be finalized. One possibility that was raised is to find out when and where the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) will be holding their reunion and possibly joining up with them. Another possibility is to revisit Deadwood, SD. Ron Olson has volunteered to host. A final determination will be made at the 2025 board of directors meeting.

The treasurer's report was then delivered by Treasurer Lynn Walker. He reported that the Association continues to be in sound financial condition with total liabilities and assets of \$62,165.97. The members were briefed on the opening of an account with Edward Jones Financial that is generating much more income. The importance of paying dues was stressed by Lynn.

The members were then briefed on where the Association assets would go once the Association has been dissolved. Lynn informed the membership that the IRS requires that the assets of a 501c must be donated to another 501c organization. The board discussed dividing the remaining assets of the association evenly between the 501c organizations that the three battalions have. The Sua Sponte Foundation (1st Batt), the Point du Hoc Foundation (2nd Batt) and the Gallant Few Foundation (3rd Batt, Ranger Military Intelligence Batt, Ranger Special Troops Batt and HQ Company). This arrangement was approved by the board.

Steve Johnson next briefed the membership regarding our Ranger Hall of Fame (RHOF) candidates. He expressed his dismay at Al Stewart not being selected for induction in 2024. But he also expressed his confidence that if Al's packet is resubmitted, he would be selected. The board directed Steve to resubmit Al's packet in 2025. Steve also discussed Tom Nash's packet. Steve suggested that it be held back until the RHOF process and its criteria is better understood by voting associations sometime in the future.

The membership was briefed regarding a possible change to the Association by-laws extending the tenure of board members from two years to four years. Secretary Frank Svensson has been tasked with contacting Association counsel Tom Robison and determining the best way to go about making the change. He will attempt to do so before the 2024 reunion ends. The current board slate has two members that are due to be reconsidered, Steve Johnson and Harry Adams. Both have expressed a desire to continue in their positions. The board recommended to the membership that they approve this. The membership unanimously agreed. The ongoing board members are Ron Olson, Dave Moncada and Carl Velleri.

The membership was advised that the board has approved a \$1,500.00 donation (since then, the 75th RRA matched our \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000) that was delivered to the 75th Ranger Regiment Chaplain with a request that the money be used as \$100 gift cards. Those cards have, at the Chaplains discretion, already been given to families of E-6 and below. The meeting adjourned at 1055 PDT.





**MIA Herman Sundstad buried Veterans Day
80 years after being KIA in Burma**

**When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today"**

*Kohima India inscription for Allied soldiers
who sacrificed their lives in 1944*



Herman, wife Dorothy & son Denny

First Lieutenant Herman Jerome Sundstad was KIA June 5, 1944, in Burma, yet it wasn't until this Veterans Day that he was finally laid to rest at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette, CA.

Military escorts and family met Sundstad's plane at Oakland International Airport Nov. 8th when flag-waving citizens honored him during his solemn procession to Oak Park Hills Chapel, in Walnut Creek.

His remains were Identified June 24, 2024, by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency from DNA provided by his daughter, Dianne Carbine, and other family members.

Dianne, now 80, was born almost two months after her father was KIA at age 27. She was joined by numerous family members for the Veterans Day funeral. Sadly, her mother, Dorothy, is deceased. Her mother met Herman when he was stationed at Camp Rogers and the couple settled near there.

Sundstad was one of nine children born to Norwegian immigrant parents who raised them on the family farm near Perley, MN. He had three older brothers who also served in WW II. When he volunteered for the Army, he was a teacher in Minnesota. His family said he "wanted to serve."

Sundstad was one of about 2,600 courageous 5307th Composite Unit Provisional replacements flown into Burma after the Marauders had walked almost 1,000 miles through dense jungles and disease-ridden Himalayan foothills to seize their final objective, the Myitkyina airfield, May 17, 1944.

COL Charles N. Hunter, the longest-serving Marauder commander, was not ordered to take the town of Myitkyina after successfully leading the remaining 1943 Marauder volunteers through seizure of the Myitkyina airfield. That slight delay enabled the Japanese to reinforce their positions.

Fierce fighting erupted, compounded by relentless monsoon rains, mud, malaria and other diseases, continuing until the town of Myitkyina finally fell Aug. 3, 1944. The 5307th dissolved Aug. 10, 1944.

Although Dianne wasn't able to know her father, she said in an INFORUM story, "I felt like he has been with me a lot during my life. I've been waiting 80 years for them to bring my Dad home, and now they're going to. They're honoring my father after all these years. I can't believe how powerful this is."

Georgia "Rosie the Riveters" going strong at 100 years old

Tiny Eleanor Stark (L) and "Liz" Minton in her "Rosie" bandana both turned 100 in September. Eleanor received roses and a cake from Shelia Dudley and Ranger CSM Matt Buck. Eleanor then spent two weeks at Disney World. The Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame annual event in November honored "Liz" - below with daughter Margaret.



"Liz" & Eleanor (at Disney World) both stood long periods for well-wishers to take their photos.



**National Infantry Museum
dedicates Korean War Memorial**

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp gave the keynote address for the Oct. 24, 2024, dedication of the striking Korean War Memorial at the National Infantry Museum. South Korean dignitaries and other distinguished guests made remarks. The United States was one of 21 countries that went to South Korea's aid during the 1950-1953 conflict. The bronze statue is one of

four including, MOH recipient Ralph Puckett, greeting visitors. At least 37,000 Americans were killed and 92,000 wounded during the war. South Korea is one of the few countries consistently thanking the United States for fighting for them. Out of the 33 Merrill's Marauder RHOF inductees, eight (below) fought in the Korean War. Five of those also fought in Vietnam: Dodge, Holland, Howland, Werner and Weston.



LTC Melvin R. Blair



RGR Russell Dodge



COL James Holland



MSGT Gilbert Howland



MSGT Vincent Melillo



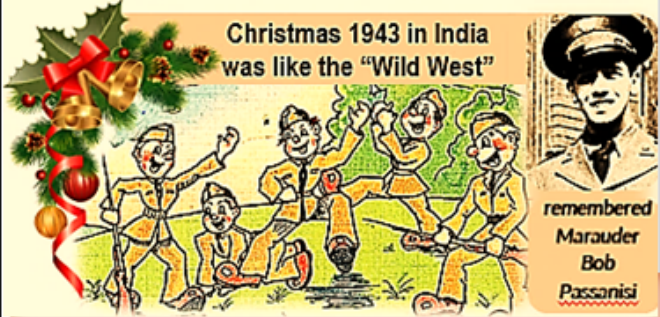
SSGT Andres Pung



SMAJ Arthur Werner



COL Logan Weston



**Christmas 1943 in India
was like the "Wild West"**

remembered
Marauder
Bob
Passanisi

"Fist ... I think one would have to understand what was going on and the attitude of the men at the time. We were still under British control and had the feeling we just didn't belong. No one seemed to care. For the average American, Christmas is an important holiday as it was for the men in our unit. Since no one seemed to give a darn, many men took it upon themselves to find a way to celebrate the holidays, and left camp and headed for the more populated areas. Since no one had been paid, they used whatever means they could find - legal or illegal - for transportation and entertainment. Some of the ones that stayed in camp also found ways to celebrate. Some managed to get some horrible local liquor, known as Bull Fighter Rum. Its effect was true to its name. Gunfire was rampant, like the "Old Wild West," but thank God no one was hurt. I understand that COL Hunter was extremely disappointed in the behavior of his men, but I don't recall any officers appearing or trying to deflate the situation."

page created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen

WASHINGTON — December 5th, 2024, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced its intent to expand access to its Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) — a program that provides family caregivers of eligible Veterans access to services and supports, including training and education, financial assistance, health care coverage, beneficiary travel, peer support, and more. The program is an essential part of VA health care, ensuring that family caregivers of eligible Veterans get the comprehensive support they need.

Through the proposed rule, VA seeks to expand and clarify access to the program; reassess eligibility less frequently, reducing burden on Veterans and caregivers; and expand access to telehealth home visits in case of emergencies. The new eligibility criteria are more expansive, meaning that thousands more Veterans and their caregivers will be able to access the program.

VA and the Biden-Harris Administration are committed to ensuring every Veteran gets the care, benefits, and support they deserve, including support for their caregivers — a commitment that is a key pillar of President Biden’s Unity Agenda for the nation. VA currently provides services, resources, and assistance to a record 89,700 caregivers participating in either [PCAFC](#) or the [Program of General Caregiver Support Services](#). This proposed rule marks a significant step in VA’s comprehensive efforts to ensure the needs of participating Veterans and their family caregivers are met.

“We understand the critical role that family caregivers play in supporting the health and wellbeing of Veterans, which is why VA is committed to ensuring our programs are meeting the needs of Veterans and their caregivers,” said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough**. “These proposed changes would expand the program to tens of thousands of Veterans and their family caregivers — ensuring we can provide these caregivers with the respite care, education, support, and resources they need to care for their Veteran.”

The proposed changes to the program include:

Expanded eligibility: This proposed rule would expand certain PCAFC [eligibility criteria](#) to include a more expansive definition of “serious injury.” This proposal would include Veterans who meet the criteria for “[individual unemployability](#)” as those suffering from a “serious injury,” thus expanding access to the program for certain Veterans.

- **Telehealth flexibility:** The proposed rule would allow VA to conduct home visits via telehealth during any emergency declared by a federal, state, or local authority involving certain safety or public health risk.
- **Fewer reassessments:** Under the proposed rule, VA would reassess eligibility less frequently, lowering the burden for Veterans and their families. Specifically, eligible Veterans’ need for

personal care services would be reassessed not more frequently than every two years, with certain exceptions, rather than the current one-year standard period between reassessments.

Delayed discharges: The proposed rule would further delay discharges based on eligibility reassessments for [legacy participants, legacy applicants, and their family caregivers](#) for an additional 18 months after the effective date of a final rule. The delay in discharges is currently slated to expire in September 2025.

- **Clarified eligibility:** New criteria would expand and clarify the bases on which a Veteran may be determined in need of personal care services for six continuous months. It would also update criteria for determining primary family caregivers’ eligibility to receive the higher stipend level.

Through VA’s PCAFC, family caregivers of eligible Veterans have access to training, respite care, counseling, support, and beneficiary travel. Additionally, primary family caregivers receive a monthly stipend, may be eligible for health care coverage through the [Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and can access certain legal and financial planning services.

VA encourages individuals to submit comments on any of the proposed changes and has included questions within the proposed rule seeking specific input from the public. The proposed rule can be viewed in the Federal Register under public inspection and will be published and open for comment beginning Dec. 6 on VA’s Federal Register [webpage](#).

Upcoming 2025 VA Disability Changes

Significant updates to the VA rating system in 2025 will impact mental health, sleep apnea, and tinnitus ratings. These changes affect both current and future claims:

More Objective Mental Health VA Rating Criteria The VA will focus on symptom severity rather than social or occupational impact when evaluating mental health conditions. This could result in higher ratings for Veterans with severe symptoms while creating more consistency in how claims are evaluated.

Stricter VA Rating Criteria for Sleep Apnea Under the updated system, Veterans using a CPAP machine may receive only a 10% rating, a reduction from the current 50%. This marks a major adjustment in compensation for those with service-connected sleep apnea. You can read more about the VA rating for sleep apnea in our last month’s article, [VA Disability Rating for Sleep Apnea: Why you should file your claim now before changes take effect](#).

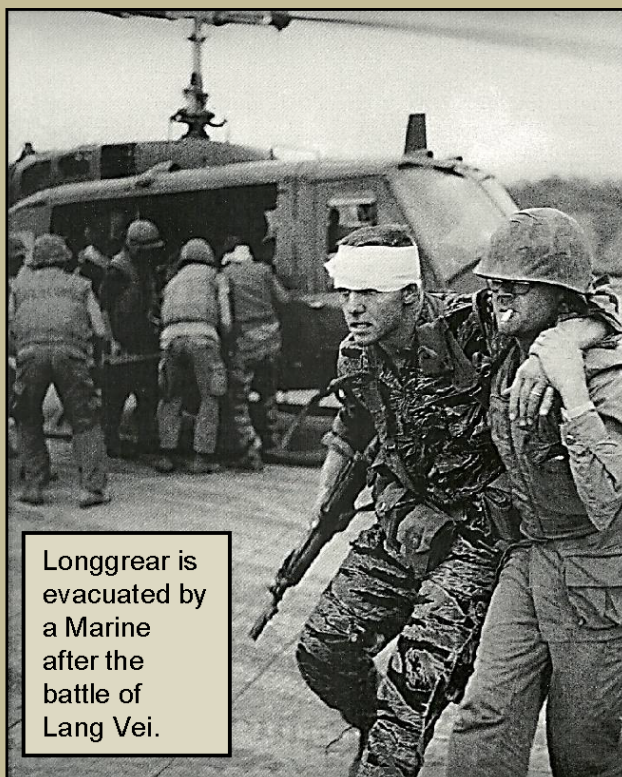
Elimination of Standalone Tinnitus Ratings Veterans will no longer receive a separate 10% rating for tinnitus. Instead, tinnitus will only be rated if it’s tied to another compensable condition. This could reduce benefits for Veterans who claim tinnitus as a primary condition.

**RHOF inductee Paul Longgear
featured tonight on
Military History Channel**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013
10 PM
60 minutes long**

**“Ultimate Warfare
Khe Sanh: Marines Under Siege”**

“A bloody seventy-seven day siege. Surrounded. Outnumbered. Six thousand Marines fight for survival against a vast, highly trained Communist army. It’s a battle that will shape the course of the war in Vietnam.”



Longgear is evacuated by a Marine after the battle of Lang Vei.

Retired COL Paul Longgear, a 2011 inductee into the Ranger Hall of Fame, will be featured tonight on the Military History Channel's new 10-part “Ultimate Warfare” series. Tonight’s episode about the Vietnam War is “Khe Sanh: Marines Under Siege.”

“‘Ultimate Warfare’ looks to be a series devoted to pivotal battles of modern warfare from World War II to present day,” according to the Military History Channel. “This series is ‘documented history,’ a style that relies on the modern technology that covers major events, such as war, as they are occurring.”

“The innovative production style of ‘Ultimate Warfare’ places the audience into the heart of the action as the battles unfold, allowing us to see critical moments in military history in a way that hasn’t been visualized before,” said Ed Hersh, senior vice president of content strategy for the Military Channel. “Through intimate accounts from those who were staring death in the face, this new series provides our viewers with an edge-of-your-seat view of these pivotal moments in history they can’t find anywhere else.”

The producers of the series flew Longgear and his wife, Patti, to New York last summer, when he was interviewed for about three hours for the series. “I don’t have a clue how they found me, I just received a phone call ‘out of the blue,’” said Longgear. “They asked me questions pertaining to the significance of the battle of Lang Vei, strategically and tactically, and the use of tanks.”

On Feb. 6 and 7, 1968, Longgear commanded a Mobile Strike Force Company, 5th Special Forces, at Lang Vei, Vietnam, that destroyed two Russian tanks with light anti-armor weapons when the post was overrun by a large Armor, Infantry, and Sapper force. While defending the command bunker when it was surrounded by the enemy for 15 hours, he led his men in taking out nine other tanks. Longgear, with no food and little water left, refused to surrender, even after realizing no reinforcements were coming. While severely wounded, he led a breakout and escape by personally destroying a machinegun nest. Lang Vei was a pivotal battle in the Vietnam War.

Lynn "Cowboy" Walker, CPA

	<u>Jan 1 - Dec 2, 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	1,395.00
Total Direct Public Support	1,395.00
Investments	2,474.22
Other Types of Income	
Concessions	550.00
Reunion Auction Proceeds	4,835.00
Reunion Concession Proceeds	625.00
Other Types of Income - Other	4.20
Total Other Types of Income	6,014.20
Program Income	
Membership Dues	700.00
Total Program Income	700.00
Total Income	10,583.42
Gross Profit	10,583.42
Expense	
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	20.00
Total Business Expenses	20.00
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Service	317.65
Printing and Copying	670.28
Total Operations	987.93
Total Expense	1,007.93
Net Ordinary Income	9,575.49
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Reimbursements	8.45
Total Other Expense	8.45
Net Other Income	-8.45
Net Income	<u>9,567.04</u>

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Company G Ranger 75th Infantry	15,913.24
Total Checking/Savings	15,913.24
Other Current Assets	
Edward Jones Money Market	53,495.43
Total Other Current Assets	53,495.43
Total Current Assets	69,408.67
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>69,408.67</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Equity Prior Year	32,998.53
Opening Balance Equity	26,843.10
Net Income	9,567.04
Total Equity	69,408.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>69,408.67</u>

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